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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
19 - 20 or HP = 0 x = 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
8 - 3 or HP = 5 x 100 = 500.00

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Total Sheets Extra Sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
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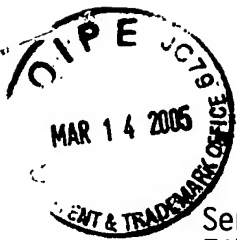
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Filed: March 23, 2004
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Title: SAFETY DEVICE FOR PROPANE TANKS
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Official Action of December 13, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

After entry of this Amendment, the number of independent claims is 8, and the number of total claims is 19. The number of independent claims previously paid for is 3. Thus, this Amendment presents five additional independent claims, for which the fee is \$500.00. Payment of \$500 is enclosed.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicants request reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that he telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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